--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Toronto Division "C 15" - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/16th pound - lithographed in black ink - *without* the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **---**

--- inscribed *S.M. Return No. ..... / W. C. Stratton / Collector* **- 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *W. C. Stratton* replaced *John Morrow* as Collector at Toronto on December 1st 1880.

John McKay records that 120,606 *lithographed* copies of "1-16th Black Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). This is his final mention of the strip.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	120,606

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Toronto Division - C 15	7,228
Windsor Division - G 15	none
	7,228

The use of red control numbers on the black strip is interesting (the collection *does not* contain a copy of **RP-254a**). I had thought that the red control may have been deliberately used to convert a black stamp for warehousing purposes. However the use of red warehousing stamps was abolished on July 1st 1883 and it does not seem that converting the black strip to red usage would be necessary, unless the strips pre-dated the Department ruling. It is interesting to note that, on the **1/10th pound** black "Quebec" strips using ***red control*** numbers, the use of the strip ceases in June 1883, so the red controls may have been actually intended for Warehousing. BABN did print the 1/16th pound, red, "Windsor" [G 35] warehousing strip - but *did not* print the corresponding "Toronto" [C 35] red strip - which may indicate that the red control numbered **RP-254a** was the BABN version of a "Toronto" *warehousing* strip. If the red controls on **RP-254a** run a number sequence *separate* from the blue controls on the normal **RP-254**, I would say that this strip is definitely a *warehousing* version.

The catalogue lists the 1/16th pound, black, Toronto - C 15, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-254 - 1/16 pound, black, perforated 12, Toronto - C 15, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **4 mm. blue controls**
RP-255 - 1/16 pound, black, perforated 12, Toronto - C 15, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **4 mm. red controls**

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RP-255** - the perforated 1/16th pound Toronto Division **"C15"** strip, lithographed in black ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove, ***with red control numbering***. **WANTED!**

The following imperforate strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a catalogue number.

1/16th pound, black, *imperforate*, Toronto Division **"C 15"**, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

--- RP-254 - 1/16th pound - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls ---

RP-254 - 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, Toronto Division **"C 15"**, control number **007073**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

007073★	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007082	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007098	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007104	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007125	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007127	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007130	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007160	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007162	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007163	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007177	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007179	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007183	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007184	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007195	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007205	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007213	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007215	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove
007228	RP-254	1/16th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh wove

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